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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR HARPOON
MAINTENANCE COURSE

Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Navy officers who have been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than August 20.

¶3. (SBU) The proposed training is the Harpoon Maintenance Course, to be held at the Boeing Company, Missouri, between August 25 and October 17, 2008. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidates appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

Julio CARVAJAL Madariaga; Lieutenant; Training Officer, Chilean ship FF Williams; 05/02/1978; Quillota, Chile; 09.543.239-5.

Francisco MARDONES Cornejo; Petty Officer Third Class; Division W-2 (Spare parts); Engineering and Naval Systems Directorate; 03/28/1985; Santiago, Chile; 16.095.530-9.

Darwing PLAZA Vicencio; Seaman; Maintenance Department; Chilean ship FF Williams; 02/19/1986; Antofagasta, Chile; 16.136.017-1.

Juan BUSTOS Ros; Petty Officer First Class; Special Projects; Engineering and Naval Systems Directorate; 03/08/1970; Cauquenes, Chile; 11.532.353-9.

Jose BAO'S Manosalva; Petty Officer Second Class; "Centella" Project; Engineering and Naval Systems Directorate; 02/13/1980; Villarrica, Chile; 13.814.007-5.

Juan GERALDO Pizarro; Civilian; "Centella" Project; Engineering and Naval Systems Directorate; 11/22/1960; Andacollo, Chile; 08.678.894-2.

Luis HERNANDEZ Chavez; Petty Officer Second Class ; Electronic Control, ASMAR Navy Shipyard Talcahuano; 05/05/1974; Tome, Chile; 14.242.894-6.

¶4. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this short notice request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidates have been involved in gross human rights violations.

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